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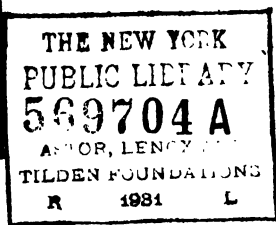
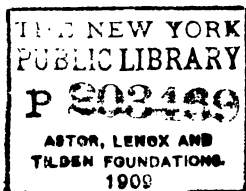
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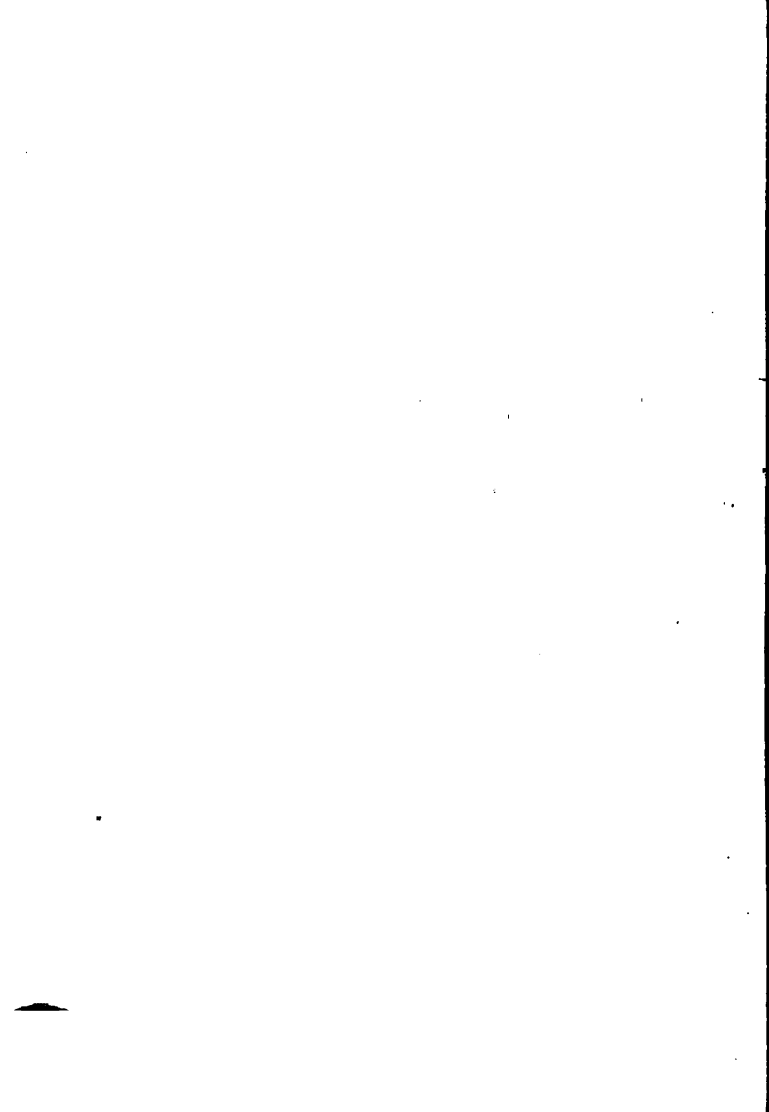
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Oh Muse forgive me,  
Critics all — desist,  
My Rhymes, tho' bad,  
Perchance may teach you Whist.







## **NO TRUMP MAKES**

**Aces three and guarded Queen  
No Trump hand is plainly seen.**

**Aces four No Trump at once  
Otherwise you'd be a dunce.**

**Aces three No Trump for then  
Each in Honors counts as ten.**

**Guarded King in each array  
With an Ace, No Trump's the play.**

**Aces two and guarded King  
Say at once No Trump's the thing.**



## **NO TRUMP LEADS**

**Holding six with King and Ace,  
Fourth best on the table place.**

**Ace and King with five you hold,  
Lead the King we're plainly told.**

**Holding four with King and Queen,  
Fourth best is the play I ween.**

**Holding King and Queen and five,  
Make the King your opening drive.**

**Ace and five, for proper lead  
Fourth best will supply your need.**



## **NO TRUMP LEADS**

**Ace and six, if this the case  
Promptly lead out with the Ace.**

**Holding only King, Queen, Ace  
Give the King the opening place.**

**If you're holding Queen, Jack, ten  
Queen the first to call on then.**

**But if it is Ten, Jack, King  
Leading Ten's the proper thing.**

**With a re-entry card,  
Ace, Queen and Jack  
Play Ace, then Queen  
In making the attack.**

**But sans re-entry  
It is plainly seen  
With Ace, Queen, Jack  
The best lead is the Queen.**



## **DECLARED TRUMP LEADS**

**Short suits it is well to lead  
If of trumps you stand in need.**

**No short suit lead we are told  
If an Ace, King suit you hold.**

**Lead the King and smiling bland  
Scan the cards in Dummy's hand.**

**If you have the deal, refuse  
Either Clubs or Spades to choose.**

**If you're holding King or Ace  
Lead the King to start the pace.**

**Holding Ace, King, Queen in hand  
Lead the King you understand.**

**If you hold Ace, King and Jack  
With the King begin attack.**

**King lead plainly will unfold  
Ace or Queen or both you hold.**



## **DOUBLING**

**Four tricks in Spades, or five to double,  
Otherwise you're seeking trouble.**

**To double a Heart and take the tricks  
Be sure of five and a possible six.**

**Doubling's wisest in the fight  
If the maker's on your right.**



## **HEART MAKES**

**Honors one in Hearts of six  
Make it Hearts—you'll take the tricks.**

**Five in Hearts with Honors two  
Hearts the "make" you surely do.**

**Four in Hearts with Honors three  
*And something else*, Hearts make, you see.**

**Ace, King, Queen and one— Make Hearts  
No one from this rule departs.**

**Sure Heart hand I much prefer  
No Trump then would be to err.**



## **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

**It is never well to name  
Diamonds in a rubber game.**

**Diamonds you will never find  
Wise when you're a game behind.**

**Diamonds or Hearts are grand  
Honors four within your hand.**

**"Lead through strength is quite correct"  
Up to weakness don't neglect.**

**If poverty your hand pervades  
Take no chances, Make it Spades.**

**Best of Rules beyond a doubt,  
Keep in mind what cards are out.**

**And of all things don't ignore  
Carefully to watch the score.**

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